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TO
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U. S. GOVERNMENT
WEATHER FORECAST
Boston and vicinity, fair tonight and tomorrow; moderate southerly wind; moderate variable weather; high 50; low 40; at 10:00 a.m. at 4:15 p.m. High tide at 4:15 p.m.; low tide at 10:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Light air velocity at 4:15 p.m.

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Wilson Considering Pardon for Debs

By International News Service.
Washington, Dec. 20.—President Wilson is considering Christmas pardons for many prisoners in Federal prisons. It was announced at the White House.

Most urgent among plans for pardon which the President is considering is that for Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, imprisoned for violation of the espionage law.

The President also is considering requests for general amnesty for all so-called political prisoners.

Said Cabot Expected to Receive a Fine

Hayes Quotes Holmes as Saying Defendants Didn't Expect Severe Punishment

Michael J. Hayes, testified in Suffolk Superior Court today that Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Hector M. Holmes and Robert D. Weston, on trial in connection with the theft of papers from the office of Attorney Daniel H. Coakley, "did not expect a severe punishment."

He said that in a telephone conversation a week ago last night Holmes told him that they thought "the worst it would mean would be a small fine."

"I don't think it will mean a trip down the harbor or anything like that," the defendant lawyer was quoted as saying.

Hayes, former policeman, who has increased State's evidence, was recalled for re-direct examination.

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Mrs. MacSwiney Extends Personal Thanks to Prelate for Message on Ireland

Mrs. MacSwiney, Mrs. MacSwiney and Miss Mary MacSwiney were busy receiving visitors and making calls today despite their weariness after the strain of yesterday's great demonstration in their honor.

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De Valera to Resume His Tour in a Few Days

President Eamon De Valera will resume his tour of the United States in a few days, according to Harry Boland, his secretary, who is accompanying Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, wife of the martyr Lord Mayor of Cork, on her visit to New England.

Mr. Boland again denied rumors today that De Valera was on his way to England on the Aquatania.

"President De Valera is fatigued from his strenuous trip around the United States," said Boland, "but I expect him to come out of seclusion in a few days. He is resting in New York."

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YOUTH OF SIXTEEN FOUND DEAD

Body of Morris Shapiro in Bathroom With Gas Tube in Mouth

Hymen Shapiro, of No. 1238 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan, pushed open the door to the bathroom early today, unlit gas, and a moment later discovered the body of his sixteen-year-old son, Morris, in the tub.

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Bloodhounds in Run for Boy

Search New Bedford Swamps for Son of Alderman Collins, Gone Since Saturday

New Bedford, Dec. 20.—Two bloodhounds, owned by James P. Collins, Jr., the sixteen-year-old son of Alderman Collins, who left home on a hunting trip Saturday and has failed to return.

Storers of Boy Scouts and men are sifting the dogs in their hunt, which began the day in their home, which is owned by his father.

The bloodhounds were brought from Providence, where they were used in the search for the murderer in the Klondike case.

They took up the trail of the lad immediately, but found difficulty in following it because of the character of the ground over which it led.

It is feared that Young Collins has been injured, and the search is being pushed with all possible speed in the effort to reach him before he succumbs to the bitter cold or to his wounds.

James M. Moore of Norwood was sentenced today to 18 days in the House of Correction for operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

He pleaded guilty to having a blood alcohol content of .08 per cent.

Motorman Drops Dead ON CAR AT MATTAPAN

George Saxon, sixty-two years old, a Boston Elevated motorman, dropped dead of a heart attack while driving a platform car on the R. M. V. line.

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Sinn Feiners Renew Police Attacks

Dublin, Dec. 20.—The Sinn Feiners have renewed the offensive over the week and their activities have been country-wide. There were several instances of government forces and a number of attacks on police barracks.

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Irish Captives Rout Bandits AS HOSTAGES IN GUN FIGHT

British to Use Them Protect Military Transport Two Persons Shot Dead

London, Dec. 20.—Two men who had been held in custody by the military at Chesham Police Station five days ago were shot dead. No details of the killing of the prisoners had been reported here.

A proclamation had been issued by the British authorities in County Kerry that on account of the banditing of military while on patrol duty, hereafter captured officers and leaders of the Irish Republican army would be sent to the military prison at Chesham.

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Concord Policeman and Three Burglars Exchange Fire in Gun Fight

Shots in Street Battle

Three robbers fought a running battle with a Concord Police Officer today when the officer detected them trying to break into the hardware shop of A. V. Hubbard.

Hubbard, who was in the shop at the time, saw the robbers and called to the police officer.

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Chicago Must Wait for Mme. Walska as 'Zaza'

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Postponement of the premiere of "Zaza" by the Chicago Opera Company, which was to have taken place tomorrow night, and the sudden departure for New York of Mme. Ganna Walska, "the world's most wealthy prima donna," who was to have sung the title role, gave rise today to a flood of conflicting rumors.

Announcement was made by officials of the opera company that the postponement was due to inability of the company to do the vast amount of production work necessary to the successful production of the opera.

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Three in Legion Contest

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Mr. Hoover asks You

To save children in Europe from starvation \$10 will save a starving child until the next harvest

\$1 will feed a starving child one month

How many of the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe will you have as your Invisible Guests at Christmas time?

Movie Test Makes Great Start

Requests for additional numbers of the Boston Sunday Advertiser have been pouring in today in such volume as to indicate that many thousands of New Englanders have entered the \$5000 Movie Player Identification Test promoted by that newspaper in association with the Boston American.

Because of the impossibility of a wide distribution of extra copies of the Sunday paper the Boston AMERICAN deems it only fair to its readers to print not only the two Test pictures allotted to it for today (Nos. 3 and 4) but the two pictures with which the Test opened yesterday. THE FIRST FOUR TEST PICTURES, THEREFORE, WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 8 OF TODAY'S BOSTON AMERICAN.

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GOMPERS HINTS

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Stocks Weak in New York; Money 7%; Foreign Exchange Off

STOCKS WEAK BEFORE NOON

Steel, Oil and Rail Seek a Lower Level; Trading is Active

By H. H. ROSS.

Stocks were weak in New York at noon, but show their latest interest level. There was a rally in the second hour in which many stocks improved. This was helped along by the declaration of the First National Bank, which had a 10 per cent increase in its capital. The bank's new capital was \$10,000,000, and it was authorized to increase its capital to \$20,000,000. The bank's new capital was \$10,000,000, and it was authorized to increase its capital to \$20,000,000.

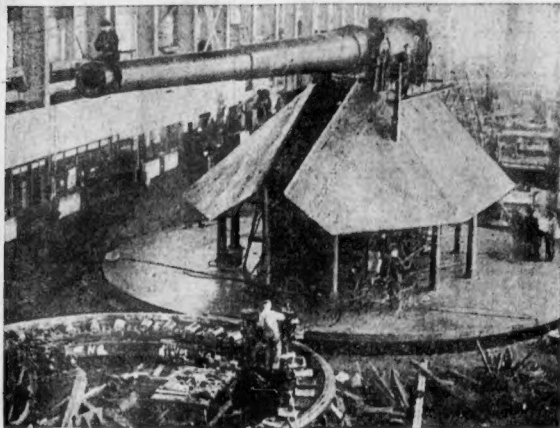
NEW YORK STOCKS

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What the World Is Doing Today, as Seen Through the Lense of the Camera



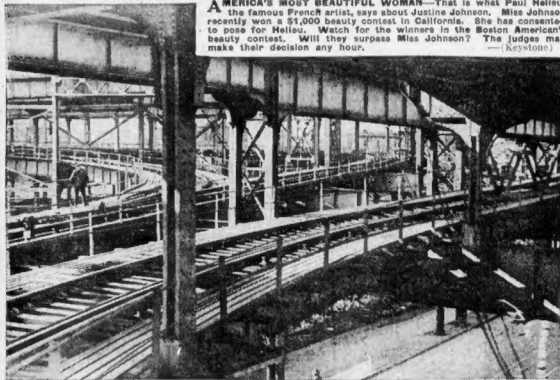
NEW GUN COMPLETED—This 14-inch implement of Mars is a disappearing type, weighs 510 tons and throws 2,700 pound shell 38 miles. Built at Watertown Arsenal. Has bomb-proof shed. —(U. & U.)



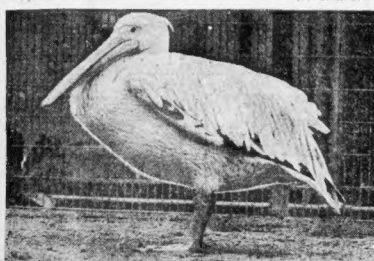
GOING SOME—Edwin Le Porte, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is said to be the youngest man who ever held that post. He graduated from Georgetown in 1916. —(U. & U.)



AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN—That is what Paul Nadir, the famous French artist, says about Justine Johnson. Miss Johnson recently won a \$1,000 beauty contest in California. She has consented to pose for Helio. Watch for the winners in the Boston American's beauty contest. Will they surpass Miss Johnson? The judges may make their decision any hour. —(Bostonian)



STEEL, STEEL, STEEL—The junction of four elevated lines at Broadway and Fulton street, New York, is the largest and most costly structure of its kind in the world. Seven grade crossings have been eliminated by this modern and fantastic arrangement of steel girders and rails. The total cost was \$3,000,000. A. J. Feeney, division engineer, is being lauded for his work. —(U. & U.)



SHE SAYS WE'RE WRONG—Remember the verse about the Pelican—'who best can hold more than his own stomach can?' Now comes Annabelle, best fed Pelican in the Franklin Park Zoo, to refute the well known rhyme. She posed for a profile view just to prove that her stomach is quite ample in size and that her beak could never possibly hold enough to fill it. We live and learn, Oscar. —(U. & U.)



MAILED YOUR PRESENTS YET?—Packages to all points in New England should be mailed tomorrow at the latest to insure delivery by Christmas (Saturday). A "do not open until Christmas" card will prevent premature unwrapping. Mail today and help the tired postal clerks and mailmen. —(U. & U.)



HUNGRY BUT NOT THIRSTY—Photo shows a grape grower selling a tubful of wine-producing fruit to a small merchant in "hunger-tides" Hungary. They can drink a toast anyway. —(Western)



ROLLING SHOE STORE—The shoes are made mostly of wood, but bring high prices. It's in Austria where leather is almost an unknown article since the war. —(Western)



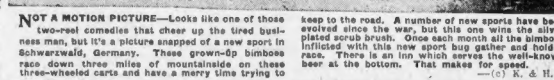
BRING ON THE SNOW—New York learned a lesson last year and has taken precautions against the Winter's elements. See these tank type tractors and plows? —(U. & U.)



LEST WE FORGET.
OUT AT THE PARKER HILL HOSPITAL there are sixteen large wards filled with sick and wounded soldiers who have not been home for Christmas in several years. There will be a Christmas party for them at the Red Cross building next Saturday. The Knights of Columbus have provided the tree and lights. But the boys have no green things which make for a Yuletide atmosphere. They are not well enough to go out and gather them. Many of the boys will spend the day in bed. They would like green things to decorate the wards with, too. Let's see that they get them. Greenery sent to the Red Cross house at Parker Hill will reach the boys. They would like them before Wednesday. They will get them.
PICTURE EDITOR.



MAKING XMAS CANDLES—Bavarian Monks are said to have made the first candles and the industry has always been an important one in Germany. Before the war millions of boxes were shipped from that country to all points of the world, especially for Christmas purposes. —(Int.)



NOT A MOTION PICTURE—Looks like one of those two-reel comedies that cheer up the tired business man, but it's a picture snapped of a new sport in Schwarzwald, Germany. These crown-top bimbos race down three miles of mountainside on these three-wheeled carts and have a merry time trying to

keep to the road. A number of new sports have been evolved since the war, but this one wins the silver plated scrub brush. Once each month all the bimbos inflicted with this new sport bug gather and hold a race. There is an inn which serves the well-known beer at the bottom. That makes for speed. —(U. & H.)



GOOD MORNING, PEOPLE—Mrs. Frank R. Williams declared by a census of the League of Art to be one of the most beautiful women in Paris, is now splashing about in the surf at Los Angeles. Why is it all these mermaid heads for California? Why, oh, why? —(U. & U.)



WHAZZIS?—Syrup time? Nope. Only tree in the world which spouts water. Near Bernese, Switzerland. A cool spring found its way up and out through the tree a couple of years ago and has since furnished enough water for the farm it is located on. (Gillman.)

Heed Advice of Naval Experts
and Increase Our Navy

We feel very grateful to Secretary Daniels for speaking out in meeting concerning the necessity for increasing our naval construction program, so that we may have a navy adequate to protect our interests against any possible enemy.

We have the longest coast line in the world to protect. It is the most exposed to attack in some respects. At present the two nations to which our shores are most exposed and most vulnerable are the two nations which have the largest navies and which are allies. Worse than this, they are the two nations between whom and the United States there exists more of the causes which have made wars than between the United States and any other two nations.

This fact is so notorious that we do not need to name the two nations to which we refer. Does not every reader know that we mean Great Britain and Japan? The British are nearer to the maritime vitals of the Panama Canal than we are, through her possession of the West India Islands. Japan is nearer to our great domain of Alaska, and so is Canada, a British possession.

So long as Great Britain prefers to depend upon the military and naval aid of Japan to maintain her rule over India rather than to win the acquiescence of the Indian people by a just and generous relationship, just so long Great Britain must be counted as a possible ally behind Japan, and just so long we must reckon upon British power when we reckon upon Japanese power in any calculations we may make concerning contingencies with Japan.

Of course, we all hope that no serious troubles will ever break out between this country and the Japanese and the British people. It would be a wicked thing—more wicked and almost more catastrophic than the recent great war. But all wars are wicked, and yet they happen with terrible regularity, and those nations which have trusted to soft answers and to the belief that the "wind is always tempered to the shorn lamb" have been the nations which have gone under the iron heel.

Secretary Daniels points out the very significant fact that if the building of naval ships was stopped today, as Senator Borah most unfortunately suggests in his resolution, the tonnage of the big fighting ships between the three powers, Great Britain, United States and Japan would be as follows: Great Britain would have 384,500 tons, United States would have 468,000 tons, Japan would have 326,000 tons. In other words, England alone would have twice the naval power of the United States, and if allied with Japan, as the navy is, she would have nearly three times the naval strength. To put it in another way, Japan in her alliance with England, has nearly three times the naval strength now possessed by America.

For years Great Britain maintained the policy of keeping a naval power equal to that possessed by the next two largest navies combined. We do not need so great an excess of naval power, perhaps, yet it would be an insurance that would not overinsure us so long as the two great naval powers are Japan and Great Britain and they are allies. In any event it is this navy for us to have a navy less powerful than that of any one nation when we have our two great coasts and the Panama Canal and Alaska to defend, and when we have knowledge of the rivalry between Great Britain and the United States and Japan for world commerce, and when we have knowledge of the lengths to which nations will go and the sacrifices of blood and treasure that they will make to gain commercial supremacy.

Let us remember that human nature does not change in one generation so that the change can be noticed; it is doubtful if human nature changes at all, hence, given the same conditions the same results will follow, today as they did yesterday and tomorrow as they do today.

Let us remember, therefore, that it was no obscure Socialist who uttered these words one year after the close of the great war, "Why, my fellow citizens, is there any man here, or woman, who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry? This war was a commercial and industrial war. It was not a political war." A number of Socialists are now in jail for daring to utter this truth during the war, but it was President Wilson himself in his speech at St. Louis, on the 5th of September, 1919, who made this statement of fact a full declaration. Let us remember the lengths to which Great Britain herself is revealed to have gone for the purpose of maintaining a commercial and maritime supremacy over the United States. To that end, she has not hesitated to tolerate the Denman's testimony, that in the midst of the great war, when our entering insured the very life of the British Empire, the agents of Great Britain had actually choked up our shipyards with British contracts so that we might not in our naval building, be able, at the end of the war, to surpass her in ship tonnage. Let us remember that the President of the United States and our war leaders were obliged to stop in the midst of their labors in the war in order to find ways and means of removing the arm of our ally, which had surreptitiously entered our pocket, without letting our people know what kind of an ally we had become associated with.

Let us remember the testimony of the French Ambassador to Japan that in the midst of the war, when Japan thought Germany was winning, she was preparing to leap upon the stronger side, abandoning her associates, and that nothing but the entrance of the United States into the war and the report that the Japanese mission sent to this country for the purpose of ascertaining conditions here, namely, that we were in the war to the limit, prevented Japan from this great act of treachery. To be sure this Japan would not be the first nation which has done such a thing, nor yet the first which has been caught. We do not know the instance to discredit Japan, but merely to show how little we can rely upon anything but the strength of our own right arm when we are dealing with nations, in our present economic and social system, who rival us in industry and commerce.

Therefore, let us take the advice of our naval experts, as to the extent to which we must increase our navy, if we would be safe from the alarms which fret the world today.

Once-Overs

YOUTH AND OLD AGE

Young man, do you treat the elderly man employed with you with respect, or do you feel that he is weak and unsuccessful or he would not be in his particular job, consequently he is to you somewhat of a joke?

Years ago this man may have had better prospects than you have, but unfortunate circumstances, possibly poor investments, may be the reason why he is still an employee.

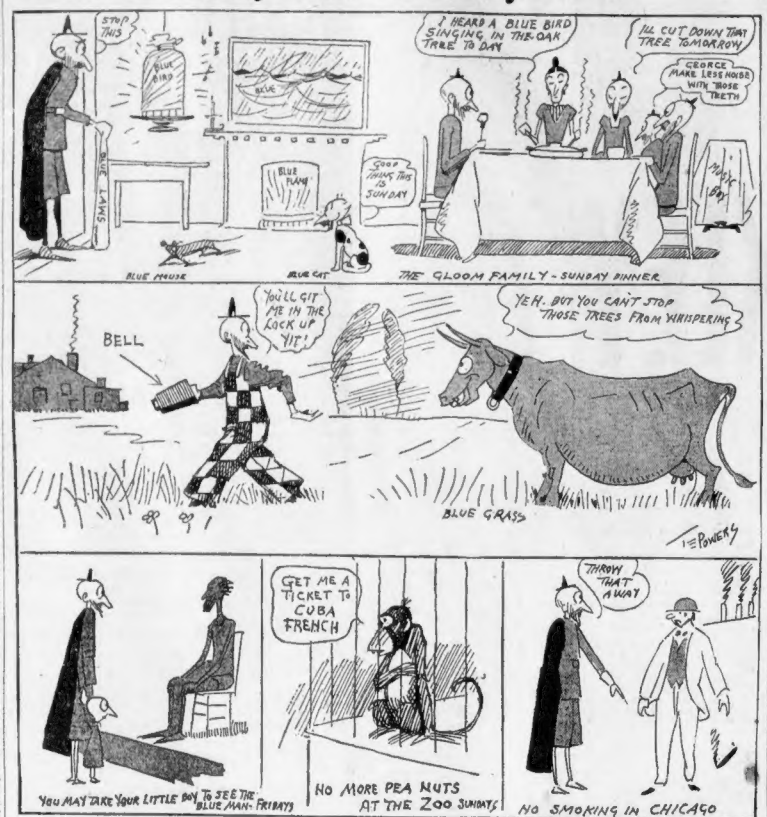
He may have had more ability than you have, but helpless ones to care for may have hung a millionaire around his neck and be found no way to snuff his responsibility.

Twenty, thirty, forty years from now do you think you will be able to hold a job as good as the one this elderly man holds and upon whom you look down in such a would-be superior way?

The lack of courtesy you show hurts him.

He may smile and try to make excuses for you even in his heart, but the hurt is there doubly strong from his own disappointment, that life should keep him down and that he must take insults from those who are really inferior, but at present have youth.

When Sunday Goes Blooey -- By T. E. Powers



Congress Must Not Let Wounded Veterans Lose Books

The surprising information that the library service in the United States Public Health hospitals of the country is again in danger of abandonment comes to the Boston American today. Only a few days ago there was an understanding that the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department, having charge of the fiscal affairs of the Health Department, would make a ruling that would assign the necessary money for the continued upkeep of the book service.

This library service serves an average daily hospital population of 25,000 throughout the country; 480 at Parker Hill in this city, 150 at East Norfolk and nearly 700 in other health institutions in this State. The treasury office has notified Congressman James A. Gallivan that he does not feel justified in making the required ruling for the future maintenance of what Surgeon General Cummings calls "this most valuable service."

The Red Cross has received no request to carry on the hospital book work temporarily, despite statements to Massachusetts Congressmen by government officials that "it is hoped the Red Cross will do it." Under the circumstances, there is only one chance of government assistance and, if that fails, the only hope for sick and wounded soldier boys in the hospitals who love books, will be an appeal to the generosity of welfare organizations and the public for the necessary funds to maintain the libraries.

Congressman Gallivan says that all regular appropriation bills have been definitely determined and the only one under consideration in committee is the sundry civil bill. He will make special appeal to the Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, to put a rider on the sundry bill which will provide for the needs of the library service and make it what such an eminent authority as Dr. Fred J. Cotton of Boston says it should be—"the best kind of medicine for disabled soldiers in hospitals."

The Boston American is endeavoring to secure the facts necessary for a strong presentation of the case to the committee by the Congressman.

The following interesting letter from a patient at Parker Hill shows the appreciation which the disabled have of the book service and the efforts of their friends to retain it for them:

December 16, 1920.

Editor Boston American:

Dear Sir—I have been requested by the boys at Parker Hill Hospital to express the universal appreciation of the generous co-operation of the Boston American with our efforts to retain the services of the Library Association.

There is probably not a man here who would not feel the loss very keenly; there is hardly a work carried on at the hospital that would not be affected materially by the loss of the library.

The small collection of well-chosen books supplied by the Library Association, and the efficient work of the librarian, have made this work indispensable.

The boys confined to their beds derive inestimable

comfort and pleasure from it. The aid that the library gives men of foreign birth in their efforts to become better informed citizens is especially valuable.

These men and others who are studying at the hospital, under the care of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, make very effective use of the services of Miss Williams and a good assortment of reference books.

The library is the backbone of all the welfare work going on at the hospital and undoubtedly very often supplies the initiative to study when the best efforts of persons in charge of that important work fail.

I assure you that I am voicing the appreciation of every convalescent at Parker Hill Hospital in thanking the Boston American for the interest taken in this very necessary work and the continuous interest taken in the welfare of the disabled soldier. Sincerely yours, LAWRENCE J. DOLAN.

Mexican Financiers Split on
Paper Money Issue

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 20.—Three explanations are offered for the action of the Mexican Congress in revoking the extraordinary powers in financial matters granted to President Huerta in the nature of paying a tribute to a bandit or bribing members of the legislature. The first explanation is that the men who will not obey the law should feel the heavy hand of the law and not receive gifts from the nation when similar gifts are denied worthy men.

There is a report that Colonel Felix Diaz, like Villa, was promised a reward for quitting the army and leaving the new government at peace. This has reached the ears of members of Congress, and is said to have influenced them in acting to get rid of the extraordinary powers granted to the President.

A third explanation is that members of Congress desire the wisdom of any act of President de la Huerta's and will not make an effort to be troublesome in connection with the secret negotiations carried on with Villa and Diaz before the two brought their military operations to an end.

SPOTLIGHT
THROWN ON
MADISON
SQUARE

By Damon Ranyon

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GIZZLED looking pigeons of the lower, smugling close together, and whispering softly.

They walk about with doddery steps, cocking their heads to one side, peering expectantly at each passerby. They remain one of the meditations.

When dusk comes on, and the gray shadows slowly draw the outlines of the ancient building into the background of the gathering night, like a Whistler painting, the birds hide in the crevices of the tower, snuggling close together, and whispering softly.

High above, Diana, the huntress, by right of age a grandmother, watches the lights of the city pop out of the darkness as the Square at her feet and its ghostly trees fade away.

Beyond the human shipping in the river of commerce that is Broadway, grows vague and intermittent, though a little farther north, above the fall of Forty-second street, the stream takes on new power and life.

The pigeons that live in Madison Square Garden have been there a long time. Some of them can remember back to the days when they could see the carriage of the swells of the town lined up in front of the hotel across the street when they could hear the noise of the clinking glass from the bar of the Hoffman House and the old Fifth Avenue hotel.

They know somewhere in among the prize fights, the day bicycle races, horse shows, horse auto races, automobile shows, industrial exhibits, indoor football games, walking matches, political meetings, grand opera and other events that are part of the history of Madison Square Garden, there used to be held great balls.

Among them, the old Guard ball, the Arion ball and the French ball. In those days and on those nights the champagne used to splash through the garden for all the volume of the water in the canals that John D. Rockefeller turned the place into an imitation of Venice for the exploitation of the land.

At these balls, on a given signal, a myriad of pigeons would be released over the crowd. The balls were a long time to last, and even the odor of the oceans of wine that used to flow over the garden, but the pigeons are still there.

Probably not all of them are the same pigeons that fluttered, bewildered, wheeling and turning in the dark above those Rochester revels of the past, but they are all the same in the descendants of those pigeons that today live in the old tower, and many of them are still there.

Some of them, the granddaddies of the race, must have been roosting up there that Summer night fourteen years ago when out of the blaze of lights on the roof of the garden just below them, and from the balcony of the old tower, laughter came the gaspshots that startled them from their slumber and sent them flapping up into the darkness.

They were then even as stretched out white and still in evening clothes, with trickles of sweat on their little red, slowly uncurling beneath it, the figure of the man who designed their small world. Some of them have a fleeting memory of the checker, some a table cloth over the body to shield the poor clay from the gaze of the curious.

The lights shone no more on the roof garden below their perch as Harry Hunt blotted out the brain which conceived the Moorish looking old building.

Two or three of the pigeons, who had perched in the tower through the years, were still there, and they have peered in the long ago to watch Stanford White, and to watch the man who designed their small world. Some of them have a fleeting memory of the checker, some a table cloth over the body to shield the poor clay from the gaze of the curious.

One of the most precious promises of life is that it is a promise of the far-off age of bliss where, it is declared, "And whether there be those who shall come."

Stars in Stripes

If the world wants to abolish war, we fear it must first abolish greed.

The fellow who turned the other cheek is still in the hospital.

The knocker never gets up to time to see the sunrise, but he takes in all the sunsets.

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ON KEEPING
STILL AND
SAYING
THINGS

ONE of the rarest attainments in the world is the art of keeping still.

When your blood is up and you are quarreling, no matter what the other fellow may say, there is one way you can answer him and confuse him, and that is to say nothing.

When you say anything, passion can find a retort, but to nothing at all, the wisest can reply.

But keeping still is not only an advantage in controversy, it is a source of charm.

There is something attractive about one who talks little that a volatile person can never hope to have.

The greatest known force in nature is the sun, yet no one ever heard him make a noise. Every other known variety of force—the wind, the tides, the stream, the thunder, the earthquake, the volcano, the growing tree, steam, electricity and even human and all animal life—are directly or indirectly drawn from the force that streams from the sun. If the sun were to go out they would all stop.

And they creak, roar, rattle, pound, bellow, shriek, talk and cry. But the sun, greatest of all, is silent.

Even the knack of being a good conversationalist lies in being a good listener.

The loquacious will look up to you with awe if you continue to say nothing and look comprehensively.

"Even a fool to counted wise when he holds his peace," said Solomon, the wisest man.

Every body talks.

"The secret of being tireless," said Voltaire, "is in telling every thing."

As the beauty of the Venus de Milo, according to Rodin, is its infinite shadows, so the charm of an actor is his restraint, of an athlete his restraint, of a lover the little intimacies they were sacrilege to mention.

An athlete's art is to keep still all his life and in doing so but one word, that word would shake the world.

Your volubility measures our inattention. The statistics of the State list hundreds of pages, and nobody but a lawyer knows what they are. Also most of us do not care, but when God Almighty would prefer laws for all the world and for all time like Mr. T. S. Combs' mandaments.

When I think, keep still.

When angry, keep your mouth shut.

If you want to flatter a man or deeply offend a woman, silence is wiser than any words, and any words of the dictionary.

And did you ever reflect how few people there are in the world who are content with their lot? "enjoy is deficient" in degree as one is deficient in the gift of friendship. It is the gift of friendship that is the most difficult to give.

If I were a man and seeking a wife, I would look for one who is things better than I, and I could keep still with it.

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